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SDTE-SA (55-80f)

MEMORANDUM FOR Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, 2300 E. Street NW,
Washington, DC 20372-5300

SUBJECT: Defense Access Road (DAR) Program Eligibility Review – National Naval Medical
Center (NNMC) Bethesda

1. References:

- a. Memorandum, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, 2 May 08, subject: Defense Access Road (DAR) Needs Report – National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) Bethesda.
 - b. AR 55-80, DOD Transportation Engineering Program, 18 July 03.
 - c. Meetings held on 31 May 08 and 4 June 08 between the Office Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (OADUSD), the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC).
2. As requested in ref 1a, we have reviewed the potential DAR eligibility for the North Wood Road/Rockville Pike intersection and a non-highway pedestrian facility at the South Wood Road/Rockville Pike intersection, per ref 1b. As part of the review, we met with officials from OADUSD and NAVFAC to determine the best approach to address the concerns (ref 1c).
3. We have determined that the proposed improvement to the North Wood Road/Rockville Pike intersection do not appear to be eligible for the DAR Program. We recommend as the most efficient solution that the intersection improvements be incorporated into the larger on base improvements at North Wood Road Gate. The requested improvements to the intersection can be done by permit with the Maryland Department of Transportation at the same time the on base improvements at that intersection are being constructed.
4. In accordance with DAR Program procedures in ref 1b, SDDC has requested the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) conduct an engineering evaluation of pedestrian/vehicular safety and capacity issues along the Rockville Pike at the South Wood Road intersection. We requested that FHWA determine if they could coordinate with the appropriate local transportation authorities to execute a project of this nature on behalf of DOD if the project is certified for the DAR Program. We are working to expedite a determination on the South Wood Road/Rockville Pike intersection.

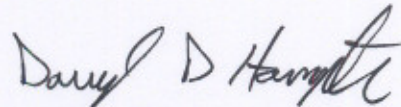


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5. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Andrea Green-Orr at (618) 220-5213 or me at (757) 878-8270.

FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darryl D. Hampton".

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